

(c) the action taken during the last six months in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Greater funding for higher education

1225. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Planning Commission has mooted greater funding in higher education;

(b) if so, whether a draft approach paper for education in Eleventh Plan proposes the same;

(c) whether the proposal calls for a substantial increase in resources devoted to this sector and successive annual plans to provide rising levels of budgetary support accompanied by increased generation of internal resources;

(d) whether, Government having agreed to the proposal; and

(e) if so, the action plan being worked out for education during Eleventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (e) The Mid-Term Appraisal of the Tenth Plan by the Planning Commission has made several recommendations for the expansion of higher education sector.

These include generation of internal resources. The Draft Approach Paper to the Eleventh Plan also mentions the importance of higher education and the need for its expansion. The Planning Commission has no firm figures as yet for the Gross Budgetary Support under the Eleventh Five Year Plan period. Enhanced allocations for the Higher and Technical education sector would depend on the intra sectoral and inter sectoral priorities and the overall availability of funds. The fiscal discipline under the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) of the Ministry of

Finance would also have to be kept in mind while deciding allocations under various sectors/schemes during the 11th Plan period.

World Bank report on education in the country

†1226. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has given to Government its report on the quality of education in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to improve the level of education as well as to ensure the provision of education to each and every child in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) World Bank have not prepared any consolidated report on Quality of Education in India.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The National Policy on Education, 1986 as modified in 1992, envisages a National System of Education based on the principles embodied in the Constitution. The concept of National System of Education implies that, up to a given level, all students, irrespective of caste, creed, location or sex, have access to education of a comparable quality. The National System of Education envisages a common education structure i.e., the 10+2+3 structure which has since been accepted in most of the parts in the country.

Incompetency and shortage of teachers

†1227. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that it has been stated in the World Monitoring Report of UNESCO that fifty per cent teachers are not competent enough to provide proper education to the students and 25 per cent schools do not have teachers;

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